(c) with our economy looking up with meteoric rise in telecom, IT, BPO and pharma industries, needing large number of professionals, the manner with which this yawning gap would be filled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) No record of the number of students leaving the country and getting jobs abroad is maintained Centrally. Indian scientists, engineers and technocrats do go abroad for higher studies of employment. In the present scenario of globalization and liberalization, the movement of technical personnel across the national boundaries is not only inevitable but in many cases could give positive benefits to the country. According to the information available in the Annual Report of the University Grants Commission 2005-06, the number of Doctorate Degrees awarded in 2004-05 was 17898 (Provisional). Corresponding information for foreign universities is not maintained by the Government.

(c) In order to fill up the gap of rising need in telecom, IT, BPO and pharma industries, Government proposes to establish three new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), twenty Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) under Public-Private Partnership mode, and six National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) during the 11th Five Year Plan. Moreover, Finishing Schools to impart IT and soft skills to engineering graduates are starting on pilot basis in seven National Institutes of Technology (NITs) at Surathkal, Durgapur, Warangal, Jaipur, Calicut, Trichi and Kurukshetra and at IIT, Roorkee this year to enhance their employability in the IT sector.

Caution against admission in private institutes

4142. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and University Grants Commission (UGC) have issued public notices in March and April, 2007 through newspaper advertisements warning the students not to seek admissions in private institutes;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether some institutes such as Indian Institute of Planning and Management have released full page advertisements in leading newspapers offering freebies such as free laptops and foreign tours to students if they apply for admission in MBA/BBA courses;

(d) if so, the action Government have taken to ban such institutes in the interest of students; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The AICTE has issued a Public Notice dated 17th March, 2007 advising the students not to take admission in technical educational courses run by any institution, which has not been approved by the AICTE. A copy of the Public Notice is annexed as Statement (*See* below). The Indian Institute of Planning and Management is also listed as 'unapproved institution' in the list of unapproved institutions given on the website of the AICTE. In addition, a show cause notice has also been issued to the institution by the AICTE as to why action should not be taken against Indian Institute of Planning and Management for conducting unapproved courses without prior approval of AICTE.

Statement

Copy of Public Notice issued by AICTE

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR THE ATTENTION OF STUDENTS SEEKING ADMISSION TO TECHNICAL COURSES OFFERED BY INSTITUTIONS (OTHER THAN UNIVERSITIES INCLUDING DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITIES, IITs AND IIMs)

As per the AICTE Act (52) of 1987 and the Regulations laid down thereunder, approval is mandatory for any institution offering Technical Education Programmes in Engineering and Technology, Management, Computer Applications, Architecture and Town Planning, Pharmacy, Hotel Management and Catering Technology, Applied Arts and Craft, in India with or without Foreign University Collaboration.

It has come to the notice of the Council that several institutions are offering courses in the field of Technical Education without obtaining mandatory approval from AICTE. The Council has been collecting information through newspapers, websites, complaints received from students and general public and other sources, about such institutions conducting courses in the field of Technical Education without obtaining mandatory approval from AICTE.

As per the information available till date, 169 institutions are found to be conducting courses in the field of technical education without obtaining AICTE approval. 104 institutions are conducting technical education programmes in collaboration with foreign universities without AICTE approval. The list of such institutions along with the courses being offered without AICTE approval is available on the AICTE website "www.aicte.ernet.in". The list may not be exhaustive. The list of AICTE approved institutions and programmes is also given at the same website which can be used to check if a particular institution has got the mandatory approval or note.

Students are advised not to take admission in technical education courses run by any institution which has not been approved by AICTE. They are cautioned that joining unapproved programmes can have serious consequences in terms of eligibility for employment, higher studies etc. Students desirous of joining any technical programme of any institution must confirm the status of approval either through the AICTE website "www.aicte.ernet.in" or from the directory of approved institutions and programmes or from "Information and Facilitation Centres" at AICTE Headquarters, New Delhi and Regional Offices located at Bangalore, Bhopal, Chennai, Chandigarh, Kanpur, Kolkata and Mumbai.

Member Secretary

Autonomous and semi-Autonomous Institutions

4143. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of autonomous or semi-autonomous institutions lying without any head;